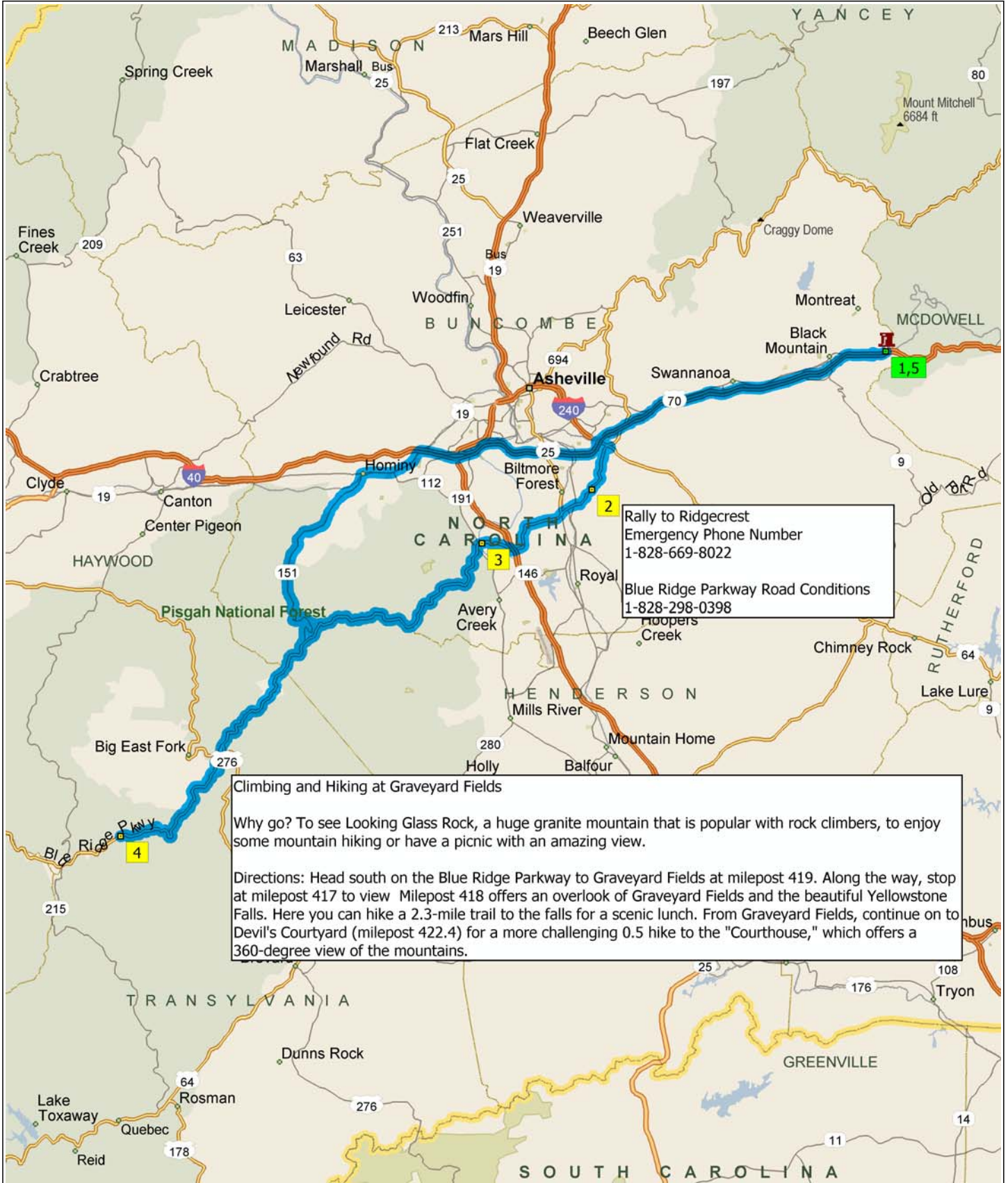


# #12 Graveyard Fields and Looking Glass Rock

101.5 miles; 2 hours, 15 minutes



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**Climbing and Hiking at Graveyard Fields**

Why go? To see Looking Glass Rock, a huge granite mountain that is popular with rock climbers, to enjoy some mountain hiking or have a picnic with an amazing view.

Directions: Head south on the Blue Ridge Parkway to Graveyard Fields at milepost 419. Along the way, stop at milepost 417 to view Milepost 418 offers an overlook of Graveyard Fields and the beautiful Yellowstone Falls. Here you can hike a 2.3-mile trail to the falls for a scenic lunch. From Graveyard Fields, continue on to Devil's Courtyard (milepost 422.4) for a more challenging 0.5 hike to the "Courthouse," which offers a 360-degree view of the mountains.

9:00 AM	0.0 mi	<b>1</b> Depart Ridgecrest Conference Center on Local road(s) (South) for 32 yds
9:00 AM	0.1 mi	Turn RIGHT (West) onto US-70 [Old US-70 East] for 0.6 mi
9:01 AM	0.6 mi	Turn LEFT (South) onto Dunsmore Ave, then immediately turn RIGHT (West) onto Ramp for 0.2 mi
9:02 AM	0.9 mi	Merge onto I-40 [US-70] for 12.8 mi
9:15 AM	13.6 mi	At exit 53A, turn RIGHT onto Ramp for 0.2 mi towards US-74-A / Blue Ridge Pkwy / Bat Cave
9:15 AM	13.9 mi	Bear RIGHT (East) onto US-74 Alt for 0.5 mi
9:16 AM	14.4 mi	Bear RIGHT (South) onto Ramp for 0.2 mi towards Blue Ridge Pky
9:17 AM	14.6 mi	Keep RIGHT to stay on Ramp for 32 yds
9:17 AM	14.6 mi	Turn LEFT (South-West) onto Blue Ridge Pkwy for 2.1 mi
9:20 AM	16.7 mi	<b>2</b> At near Biltmore Forest, stay on Blue Ridge Pkwy (South-West) for 6.5 mi
9:31 AM	23.2 mi	<b>3</b> At near Bent Creek, stay on Blue Ridge Pkwy (West) for 26.7 mi
10:11 AM	49.9 mi	<b>4</b> At near Big East Fork, return East on Blue Ridge Pkwy for 14.6 mi
10:35 AM	64.6 mi	Turn LEFT (West) onto SR-151 for 11.8 mi
10:47 AM	76.4 mi	Turn RIGHT (East) onto US-19 [US-23] for 2.8 mi
10:51 AM	79.2 mi	Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto I-40 [US-74] for 21.3 mi towards I-40 / US-74
11:13 AM	100.5 mi	At exit 66, turn RIGHT onto Ramp for 0.2 mi towards Ridgecrest
11:14 AM	100.8 mi	Turn LEFT (North) onto Dunsmore Ave for 0.1 mi
11:14 AM	100.9 mi	Turn RIGHT (East) onto US-70 [Old US-70 East] for 0.6 mi
11:15 AM	101.5 mi	Turn LEFT (North) onto Local road(s) for 32 yds
11:15 AM	101.5 mi	<b>5</b> Arrive Ridgecrest Conference Center